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## **Governor Baker Nominates Eric T. Donovan as Brighton Clerk Magistrate of the Boston Municipal Court**

**BOSTON** – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Eric Donovan of Dorchester to the position of Clerk Magistrate of the Brighton Division of the Boston Municipal Court.

“Over the last twenty years, Mr. Donovan has served the Commonwealth in both the public and private sector and his knowledge of both civil and criminal law qualify him well to serve as Clerk Magistrate,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “If confirmed, I am confident the Brighton Division of the Boston Municipal Court and all those that appear before it will be well served.”

“Attorney Donovan’s strong work ethic, experience, and community and civic engagement make him well equipped to serve the Boston Municipal Court,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “We are pleased to submit his name to the Governor’s Council for their advice and consent.”

The Boston Municipal Court Department has 30 judges serving the City of Boston in 8 court divisions located in Brighton, Central, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Roxbury, South Boston, and West Roxbury. In addition to handling criminal and civil matters, the Boston Municipal Court Department also has jurisdiction to review some government agency actions, including unemployment compensation appeals and firearms license appeals. The Boston Municipal Court Department is devoted to the rule of law through the conscientious and expeditious resolution of disputes, with a commitment to restoring the human spirit through correction, education, respect and compassion.

For more information about the Boston Municipal Court, please visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for

judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

#### **About Eric Donovan**

Attorney Donovan is the Chief of Staff and former General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. Prior to joining the Department of Veteran Services, Attorney Donovan served as Chief of Staff to the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services and as Assistant Clerk Magistrate for the Brockton District Court. He was a self-employed practitioner for his own firm, Law Office of Eric T. Donovan, and served as Assistant Counsel for the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Attorney Donovan's law career began in the Office of the District Attorney for Norfolk County, where he served both the Stoughton District Court as well as the Quincy District Court. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Westfield State College and his Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law. Attorney Donovan resides in Dorchester, and continues to serve in the Boston community.

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